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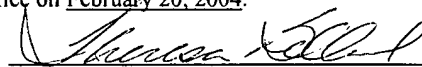
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

**Introductory Comments**

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 20, 2003, Applicants submit the following Amendment and remarks. This Amendment and Response is being submitted concurrently with a Petition for Extension of Time of one month.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.